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Announcement

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SACRAMENTO (Sept. 15, 2006) – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers delivered its final *Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Report to Congress* to federal lawmakers yesterday. Congress will review the document and direct the Corps in any further actions.

The final report is available online under the caption “Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Initiatives” on the Corps’ Sacramento District website:

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Last November, federal legislators directed the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Sacramento District to identify and prioritize potential levee stability projects in the Delta and to devise a strategy for spending an authorized \$90 million within the next five years.

The Corps received 54 proposals totaling more than \$1 billion in estimated costs. Those estimated costs do not include several items that would likely increase a project’s price tag, such as project design and environmental and economic assessment fees. Some of the proposals may not qualify for federal participation.

Corps officials evaluated and prioritized the proposals received from Delta-area interests based on Corps authorities and CALFED Levee System Integrity Program objectives. Those objectives include improving Delta levees to reduce flood damage and to protect water quality and supply.

Congress authorized the Corps’ report under the CALFED Bay-Delta Authorization Act, passed in October 2004, and appropriated \$500,000 in funds for the report in last November’s Energy and Water Resources Appropriations Act of 2006. The report defines a strategy to develop short- and long-term solutions for Delta levee protection.

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